



# Linden Avenue School

“Where Excellence Begins”

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## Character Education Calendar

Our Character Education program is infused throughout the curriculum and felt in the positive culture for learning which the entire Linden staff tries to create each and every day. Our main objective is to develop within students a regard for humanity and self-respect which can serve as a bridge between judgment and action. Character education should encompass the cognitive, affective, and behavioral aspect of morality in order for students to learn what is morally right, to care deeply about what is morally right, and to act in a moral way.

Character education is a process of developing techniques to help the student build self-respect by identifying alternate choices, developing a sense of empathy, taking risks, being made aware of behavior, and being able to predict the positive and negative consequences of actions taken. Rewards should be intrinsic.

Each month in the school year is dedicated to a character education theme. School-wide assembly programs, classroom activities, and lessons are tailored to each particular theme. Many works of literature and student texts deal with the monthly themes as well. Classroom teachers also utilize the “One Book Club” through Read Aloud to deliver lessons which emphasize social decision making skills.

### **SEPTEMBER: Citizenship**

#### **(Respect for Others/The Empowered Bystander)**

**One Book Club Book** (*Suggested Readings*)- Being A Good Citizen by Mary Small. *The Juice Box Bully: Empowering Kids to Stand Up* by Bob Sornson, Maria Dismondy and Kim Shaw. Enemy Pie by Derek Munson, Chronicle Books; Tara Calahan King (*Illustrator*).

- First Day – opening exercises together
- School-wide assembly (“Getting to Know You”)
  1. Lunchroom rules, playground
  2. Nurse – discuss safety issues
  3. P.E. teacher speaks – playground safety/rules (Peaceful Playground)
  4. Introduction of staff, aides, and custodians
  5. Custodians – respect for school property
  6. Fire Drill/Inside Drill Procedures – discuss general procedures
  7. Assembly manners
  8. Appreciation of Support Staff/Aides
- September 11<sup>th</sup> Patriotic Assembly
- Bullying Awareness Lessons and Policy Explained to Students
- Operation Goody Bag
- World Peace Day
- Citizenship Day
- Welcome Back Pizza Party

## **OCTOBER: Respect**

### **(Anti-Bullying)**

**One Book Club Book** (*Suggested Readings*)- One of Us by Mary Hynes Barry.

Bully by Laura Vaccaro Seeger. Stop Picking on Me.. A First Look At Bullying by Pat Thomas, Scholastic, 2000.

- Week of Respect Activities (First Week in October)
- Violence Prevention Week (Anti-Bully Assembly)
- Red Ribbon Week (Drug Awareness and Prevention)
- Fire Prevention Week – Montclair Fire Department
- Halloween Safety Assembly/Glen Ridge Police Department
- The Boy Who Would Be Captain Hook Assembly – Don't Judge a Book by it's Cover
- Pumpkin Walk

## **NOVEMBER : Citizenship**

### **(Compassion/Empathy)**

**One Book Club Book** (*Suggested Readings*)- Ordinary Mary's Extraordinary Deed, by Emily Pearson

Stand in My Shoes: Kids Learning About Empathy by Bob Sornson. Have You Filled a Bucket Today?

– Carol McCloud, David Messing; Nelson Publishing & Marketing, 2007.

- Veteran's Day Assembly
- Food Drive

## **DECEMBER: Caring**

### **(Compassion/Kindness)**

**One Book Club Book** (*Suggested Readings*)- Old Henry by Joan W Bloss. Extra Yarn by Mac Barnett.

My Secret Bully by Trudy Ludwig, Abigail Marble (Illustrator).

- Classroom activities (books, guests, activities)
- Winter Music Program

## **JANUARY: Respect**

### **Recognizing Diversity/No Name Calling Week/ The Great Kindness Challenge**

**One Book Club Book** (*Suggested Readings*)- Kindness is Cooler, Mrs Ruler by Margery Cuyler, Sachiko

Yoshikawa. The Name Jar by Yangsook Choi. The Invisible Mistakecase by Charise Mericle Harper,

Houghton Mifflin 2005.

- No Name Calling Week Jan 19<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- Classroom activities celebrating Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday (stories, writing)
- "Paws Up for Respect" continuing program
- Hunger Awareness Month
- Martine Luther King Jr. Day
- Become Your Dreams Assembly – History of Hip-Hop

## **FEBRUARY: Trustworthiness**

### **(Honesty/Friendship)**

**One Book Club Book** (*Suggested Readings*)- The Empty Pot by Demi. Making Friends is an Art! By

Julia Cook. Bad Case of Tattle Tongue by Julia Cook, Anita DuFalla (Illustrator): National Center for Youth Issues December 2006.

- Focus on President's Day – Ingredients for a good leader (honesty, trust, compassion)
- Black History Month lessons

- Pennies For Patients (Leukemia and Lymphoma Society)
- Science Fair

**MARCH: Fairness**

**(Honesty/Respect/Self-Esteem)**

**One Book Club Book** (*Suggested Readings*)- The Case of the Double Cross by Crosby Bonsall, Crosby N. Bonsall. The Lovables in the Kingdom of Self-Esteem by Diane Loomans, Kim Howard (Illustrator) Say Something by Say Something by Peggy Moss, Lea Lyon (Illustrator).

- Youth Art Month
- Author Day
- Dr. Seuss's Birthday/Read Across America
- Free to Dance Assembly – Brazilian Dance, History and Culture

**APRIL: Responsibility**

**(Self-Worth/Self-Acceptance)**

**One Book Club Book** (*Suggested Readings*)- The Lorax by Dr. Seuss. Freckleface Strawberry by Julianne Moore. Stand Tall, Molly Lou Melon by Patty Lovell, David Catrow (Illustrator).

- Jump-Rope for Heart
- Poetry Month Activities
- Assembly

**MAY: Caring**

**(Respect/Resilience)**

**One Book Club Book** (*Suggested Readings*)- The Potato Chip Champ by Maria Dismondy, Dawn Beacon. The Blue Ribbon Day by Katie Couric. The Recess Queen by Alexis O'Neill, Laura Huliska-Beith (Illustrator) February 2002 Publisher: Scholastic, Inc – Hardcover.

- Grandparents' Day
- School Nurse's Day
- Spring Fling (Alternating Years)
- Bubblemania Assembly- Science, Art, Comedy

**JUNE: Responsibility**

**(Review All Traits)**

**One Book Club Book** (*Suggested Reading*)- Pigsty by Mark Teague. Scribbleville (Acceptance) - by Peter Holwitz. 2005 Publisher Penguin Books, USA.

- Field Day
- Ball in the House Assembly
- Promotion Ceremony